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OF
WALPOLE, MA

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June 15, 1884. "Bro. Howe reported for the estimating Committee that we pay our pastor \$7.00 per week while he is with us the whole time, and \$6.00 per week while he is attending school."

Sept. 3, 1884 Second quarterly Conference convened in Methodist Hall
"Bro. Kennedy moved that the Board of Trustees be authorized to make an exchange of lots if they deem it desirable. Voted unanimously Also that the Trustees be authorized to estimate the cost of the proposed Church and decide how much shall be pledged before building is begun." p-51

Dec. 12, 1884. "The treasurer reports that the collections average about \$6.00 a Sunday which meets Pastors salary, and he has received \$24.00 towards the years rent. Voted that a committee of three be chosen as a building Committee, Bros. Fisher, Pierce and Howe. were chosen unanimously." p-52.

Mar. 7, 1885--"Trustees report by N.W. Fisher, Chairman. Real Estate \$1000. Personal \$300. Building Committee report \$1700. pledged for the new Church and the contract for building the same has been awarded to Melzar W. Allen for \$2320. which does not include the brick or plastering." p-53

-a collection to aid the new church in ~~Walpole~~ Natick. p-53
also Treasurer's report by Br. Fisher \$69.00 due for rent and care of Hall. p-53

Methodist Episcopal church of Walpole incorporated--April 3, 1885 at Walpole Town Hall. p-57.

Notes on the Methodist Church of Walpole, fr. their record book

Committee on Church Records--1-Geo.L.Gardner

Committee on Parsonage Property: 1-G.Howe
2-Mrs. Fuller
3-Mamie Hutchinson
4-Mrs. H.A.Spear

Committee on Church Music:-N.B.Winslow
2-Geo. L. Gardner
3-N.W.Fisher

Estimating Committee:-1-G.Howe
2-G.L.Gardner
3-H.M.West

Bro. A.A.Kidder made the following Pastor's Report--

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Bro. Fill? reports a growing religious interest--meetings well attended/ Bro. West reports for the Estimating Committee that we pay Bro. ~~Fill~~ Sill (the minister) a salary of \$400 for the year.

Bro. Fisher made his financial report, also put in for record the following list with the sums paid by each for the purchase of the Briggs lot on which to build Chapel.

Ladies Sewing Circle	\$120.00	J.A.White	5.00
Nathan W.Fisher	125.00	Mrs. Herbert	5.00
Jacob Sleeper	100.00	Eben Fuller	5.00
Francis W. Bird	100.00	J.M.Winslow	5.00
Mrs. M.B.Lamson	50.00	J.M.Robbins	5.00
Mrs. A. Hutchinson	25.00	Mrs. Horace Spear	5.00
F.O.Winslow	25.00	Bennett Pilley	5.00
Milton A. Kent	25.00	Lyman Smith	5.00
F.B.Wentworth	25.00	Mrs. Worthington	3.00
Thomas Sheridan	25.00	Gideon Howe & wife	2.00
Collected by Mrs.Lamson	176.75	From 13 others	14.00
with Int.			\$1000.75
Stephen Pember	30.00	pd.for recording deed	.75
N.B.Winslow	20.00		\$1000.00
Mamie Hutchinson	15.00		
Lizzie M.Page	10.00	Adjourned	N.W.Fisher, Sec.
Mark Alden	10.00		
Geo.A.Pierce	10.00		
Mrs.Mary Nightingale	10.00		
Dea. S.E.Guild	10.00		
Geo. S. Winslow	10.00		
A.C.Holt	5.00		
C.G.Fogg	5.00		
J.R.Morse	5.00		
Catherine B.Fisher	5.00		

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April 3, 1885 cont'd. "It was voted, That we as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Walpole purchase from the town of Walpole for one dollar and other valuable considerations the Center School House Lot. It was also voted--"That we as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Ch. of Walpole sell to the Town of Walpole for one dollar and other valuable considerations the lot of land bought by us of Horace Briggs and others, on Main St. adjoining the Town Hall in said Walpole.

June 20, 1885. "A meeting of the Trustees was held this day at the Town Hall. Present, Nathan W. Fisher, Gideon Howe, George Pierce and A.N. Kimball. It was voted --That the sale heretofore agreed upon and to be made to the Town of Walpole by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Walpole of that lot of land in Walpole purchased by them from Mary A. Briggs and Horace C. Briggs said lot being on Main Street and adjoining the Town Hall lot be hereby ratified and confirmed and the secretary of this corporation is hereby authorized to execute and deliver in behalf of the corporation and in its name any and all conveyance of said property requested by the said town." pp59/60

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Jne 25, 1885--first quarterly conference.--"Sunday School Superintendent reported average attendance about fifty, and that the membership was not quite as large as when in the old Hall." p-60

"It was voted to order the trustees of said church to wit--Nathan W. Fisher, Gideon Howe, George A. Pierce, Alexander M. Brown, Alton H. Kimball, George H. Kingsbury and Robert H. Duff to sell & convey to the Inhabitants of the town of Walpole, the lot of land purchased by the trustees of said church of Horace C. Briggs & wife Mary V. Briggs by deed dated Nov. 20, 1882 recorded with Norfolk Deeds Lib. 544 Fol. 44, the consideration to be one dollar as expressed in the deed to be executed by said trustees and said Trustees are to take from said Inhabitants a deed of the lot of land described in the deed from E.D. Clapp and others to the Center School District in said Walpole dated May 29th, 1850, recorded as aforesaid Lib. 195 fol. 13 and the consideration of the said deed from said inhabitants to be expressed as one dollar and said Trustees are hereby directed and empowered to execute and deliver a quit claim deed to said Inhabitants of said lot to be conveyed by them as aforesaid. All present voting in the affirmative.

"The Building Committee reported--That in order to complete the church more money must be had and an motion it was voted that the Trustees be and are hereby authorized to raise money by mortgage on the property of the church for the purpose of finishing the Church Building, said mortgage not to exceed the amount of Two Thousand Dollars. (\$2000)

"At a meeting of the Trustees held at the home of Brother Howe it was voted that the building committee be and hereby are directed to procure plans and specifications for plastering and finishing the Church ready for use to secure proposals and to make contracts necessary to complete the church. p-62-61

Nov. 3, 1885. "At the meeting of the Trustees held this evening Mr. Howe reported as to Heating of church. Brother Howe and Fisher were appointed a committee to procure furnace and necessary fixtures and have same plans in church ready for use. p-63

Historic Notes on Methodist Ch.-Walpole

Walpole June 25, 1885-The first Quarterly Conference of the Walpole Methodist Church-Episcopal Church, for the year convened at the Public Library Rooms in the Town Hall, this day. -----

The Treasurer had no formal report to make but simply stated that the Pastor had been paid about one hundred and Twenty Dollars. Average collections were about \$4.50 per Sunday which was not enough to cover expenses. It was voted to order the trustees of said Church to wit--Nathan W. Fisher, Gideon Howe, George A. Pierce, Alexander M. Brown, Alton H. Kimball, George H. Kingsbury and Robert H. Duff to sell and convey to the Inhabitants of the town of Walpole the lot of land purchased by the trustees of said Church of Horace C. Briggs & wife Mary V. Briggs by deed dated Nov. 20, 1882, recorded with Norfolk Deeds Lib. 544 fol. 44 the consideration to be one dollar as expressed in the deed to be executed by said trustees and said Trustees are to take from said Inhabitants a deed of the lot of land described in the deed from E. D. Clapp and others to the Center School District in said Walpole dated May 29, 1850 recorded as aforesaid Lib. 195 fol. 13 and the consideration of the said deed from said inhabitants to be expressed as one dollar and said Trustees are hereby directed and empowered to execute and deliver a quit-claim deed to said Inhabitants of said lot to be conveyed by them as aforesaid. All present voting in the affirmative . p-61. of their records.

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March 12, 1886.--"Trustee's report by N.W.Fisher. Amount expended on Church and lot \$5320.00 We borrowed \$2000. at 5 per cent and out \$94. \$92.40 painters bill \$60.00 borrowed of Mrs.Brown and----- space left blank) lumber for vestry." p-64.

Aug.29, 1886. Lester Lamson and Bro.Kimball were made a committee to express suitable(thanks?) to Bro.Fisher for securing for the church a generous gift of \$1000. from Addison Page.--in my own wording p-68

June 20, 1888.--"A large and powerful new Cabinet organ has been put into the church since last Quarterly Conference, contributing to the music of our services. This organ has become the property of the church, but the Y.P.C. League has assumed the responsibility of paying for it." minister's report--p-74.

Dec.29, 1888 "The school (Sunday School) gave \$10.00 towards our new seats for the church." p-76

"Death has interred our number for the first time this year, taking from our midst one of our oldest and most valued members, Bro. Nathaniel B. Winslow. He was one of the founders of the Walpole Methodist Church, into this church he builded much of his life. So significant and so apparent was this fact that one of the Citizens of the town remarked to me a few days after our brothers death, that the Methodist Church of Walpole is Brother Winslow's monument. Bro.W-- was born in East Strong, Me., Apr.21, 1817 and died in Walpole Sept. 26th, 1888, having spent all of this time, save the first 16 years, as a Christian, he was a man of rare piety, good judgment and conciliatory spirit, and was Class-Leader during the entire? existence of this Church.....This quarter has been marked by two important events, one the payment of our debt, amounting to \$275. and the placing of 147 new seats into the church." p-78

March 13, 1889 "The Sunday School has paid \$20. for a fine book-case. Church membership increased from 49 to 70. p-80

"Discussion in regard to Pastoral supply; earnestly in favor of retaining Br. Dorchester but the great obstacle seems to be that we have no personage or furniture all of which Bro. D---- is liable to need in the near future." Bro.Wignall, pastor p-85

March 27, 1890 4th Quarterly ~~X~~ Conference.

"Bro.Wignall read the following Pastor's report which was approved:

"I am at a disadvantage in presenting my report as I have not been able to see the preacher who supplied my place during mu absence in England. I was called away from my charge last Nov. by news of the feeble condition of my parents whom I had not seen for over 20 years. On the second Sunday in the above month I presented the matter to the Board of Stewards and they kindly consented for me to go." p-89
.....Financial conditions will necessitate my removal from this charge at the ensuing conference. W.Wignall, Pastor. p-90

May 4, 1891 Official Board meeting in the class-room, Br.Honey in the Chair. M.F.Blaissdell chosen secretary. Voted that the Musical Comm. be instructed to see our organist and offer her \$25. for her services for the ensuing year. " p-96

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March 25, 1892--The Treasurer's report for 1891 shows in part bills paid for K. oil, wood, wood cutting, coal from David Fisher, wood from N.W. Fisher, chimneys and wicks for the oil lamps (no electricity in the church at that time) and G.S. Pierce for Sexton's work. also burners for the lamps. Money was received from F.W. Fl Fowler for rent church to Apr. 1 25.00, to July 1 25.00 to Oct. 1 25.00 and to Jan. 1 25.00 --\$100.00 what was Mr. Fowler using the church for?? p-105/4

May 4, 1892 Bro. Hartshorn resigned his position as janitor. p-107

Feb. 7, 1893--Improvements--a new carpet, new lights, draperies, 50-Psalm books, improvements on the grounds, etc. p-116
This was a supply church, meaning the minister's time was divided between church and school--he was a "supply minister".
There was a Temperance group in this church for many years past.

Mar. 7, 1893 "Voted to invite Bro. Haskell to return to supply the pulpit another year--Bro. Haskell declined offering to use his influence to help in securing a pastor. Bill reported as paid or provided for except the old debt on the seats and pastor's salary." p-119

Apr. 24, or 28, 1893 "Bro. Brown, Pierce, Thomas committee on making a kitchen" p-120

May 17, 1893 "Estimating Com. report \$500 for Pastor's salary." p-121

Jan. 20, 1895 "One Love feast and Holy Communion has been administered once. Jan. 20, 1895--the forth quarterly conference. p-127

Sept. 25, 1896 "Brother Turner resigned as Pastor--2nd Quarterly Conf. p-132

Dec. 27, 1896--"Conducted 8 services at the Truant School"--3rd Quarterly Conference report. p-133

March 19, 1897--4th Quarterly Conference report.

"Pastor's report read and accepted in which he tendered his resignation as Pastor of this Church, to take effect at once." p-134

Walpole--1898 no month listed--First Quarterly Conf. report--mentions an electric light bill. p-138

Aug. 3, 1900 "Report of estimating committee by chairman of com. (N.W. Fisher) to pay Pastor \$10.00 per week accepted. 1st. Quarterly C. p-146

Nov. 13, 1901 3rd Quarterly Con. "Motion was made that Bro. Rev. Cecil R. Sherman be relieved of his obligation as pastor, which we extend to Mr. & Mrs. Sherman our sincere sympathy." p-155

Oct. 5, 1902--2nd quarterly conf. "A boy's Club has been organized by the pastor who meets with them one afternoon each week." p-159

Under the head of literary work, a Bible study class has been organized to take up Studies in the life of Christ." p-161

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March 15, 1903--4th Quarterly Conf. report--"services have been held at the Truant School on Sabbath afternoons." p-168
Freedmen's Aid, and Southern Education has been frequently mentioned in the past. also on p-171.

July 5, 1903--1st Q-C. report--"Report of Estimating Committee. The Committee reported that \$8.00 per week was what they thought could be paid the pastor the coming year." p-176

Apr. 3, 1904 4th Q-C. report--Ladies Aid bought a new carpet for the church paying \$149.00 for it. \$4.95 was received for the old carpet. also-- n p-183

"Unanimous vote that Bro. Charlton be requested to return for another year." p-183

Pastor addressed the boys at the Truant School 46 times that year p-188
1904?

July 3, 1904--1st Q-C. report--"Report of Estimating Comm. by Bro. Fisher to pay Pastor \$9.00 a Sunday surely and \$10. if possible-adopted". p-192

2nd & 3rd Q-C. Jan. 1, 1905 "A fund has been started to go for the support of one heathen girl for one year." p-194
"During the quarter the Church was painted the money raised by the Pastor." and in the Treasurer's report he says "Pastor raised 100 outside of church for painting church." The pastor was Rev. J. E. Charlton) p-195-6/7

March 5, 1905 4th Q-C the pastor's report (Rev. J. S. Charlton) "I ask our presiding elder that he move me to some other field of labor". He had been pastor for two years, and had loved his flock and they him. p-199

"Standing vote of appreciation of the services Bro. Charlton during his stay here." p-202

"A missionary meeting has been held once a month and a special collection at these meetings is going toward the support of a native Bible woman".--p-206

March 1906--143 books in the S.S. library p-214

"The first Sunday of the New Year we united with the Young peoples societies of the Congregational and Unitarian Churches. The meeting held in the Unitarian Church. subject The "Spirit of Brotherhood". The object of the meeting was to promote a feeling of unity between the young people of the town. signed Bessie E. Wheeler, Pres. E. League p-215.

"Motion made & seconded that the Pastor's Salary be estimated at 416.00 for the year, motion carried."

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Early Ministers of the Methodist-Episcopal Church
of Walpole, Mass. 1875-

	Appointed	Removed	
1-John H. Vincent	about June 1, 1875	April 2, 1876	Student
2-Harvey A. Webster	April 16, 1876	March 1877	under the Elder
3-Ebenezer Comstock	April 22, 1877	March 31, 1878	Student
4-Eli C. Farwell	April 28, 1878	March 30, 1879	Student
5-Fred O. Holman	June 8, 1879	April 11, 1881	Student
6-S. J. Fleming	April 11, 1881	July 12, 1881	resigned acct. ill health
A. A. Kidder	Sept. 1, 1882	Apr. 1883	under the Elder
8-M. D. Sill	April 1883	April 1884	Student
J. P. Kennedy	April 13, 1884	April 14, 1885	Student
10-J. C. Smith	April 1885	April 1886	-----
11-F. M. Haight	April 25, 1886	-----	Student
12-F. M. Haight	April 14, 1887	April 1888	Student
13-L. H. Dorchester	April 10, 1888	April 1889	Student
14-Wm. Wignall	April 1889	April 1890	Supply
15-Geo. E. Honey	April 1890	April 1892	Student
16-Rev. Newton and W. C. Haskel	Apr. & Sept. 1893		Students
18-Harvey A. Jones	Oct. 7, (17) 1893	1894	Student
19-G. H. Myers	Oct. 1, 1894	March 16, 1896	Student, member N. Ind. Conf.
20-H. G. Turner	March 16, 1896	Sept. 25, 1896	joined a Kentucky Conference
21-C. S. Hughes	Supplied place of Mr. Turner during his absence		
22-A. L. Brokaw	Sept. 27, 1896	March 19, 1897	Student-from Ohio
23-B. P. Boultenhouse	April 12, 1897	Dec. 26, 1897	Student at B. U.
24-F. R. Griffiths	Jan. 2, 1898	April 9, 1899	Student at B. U.
25-A. K. Byrns	April 1899	April 1901	Student at B. U. S. T.
26-C. R. Sherman	April 1901	Oct. 1901	resigned because of influenza rheumatism
27-E. C. Dixon	Nov. 1901	Feb. 1, 1902	Student B. U. S. T.
28-Will S. Mitchell	Feb. 1, 1902	Apr. 1, 1903	Student B. U. ST.

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29-J. Edward Charlton	Apr. 1, 1903	Apr. 1, 1905	Student B.U.
30-Millard L. Robinson	Apr. 1, 1905	Apr. 6, 1906	Student B.U.
31-Willard S. Kilmer	Apr. 1906	Apr. 1907	-----
32-John A. Bowler	Apr. 1907	Apr. 1908	-----
33-Frank A. E. Verett	Apr. 14, 1908	Apr. 1910	-----
34-Luther Markin	Apr. 1910	Apr. 1911???	
35-John G. Grace	Apr. 16, 1911	May 1911	-left in 2 months.
36-Richard E. Scully	Sept. 10, 1911	May 11, 1913	-----
37-J. Stanley Phillips	May 11, 1913	Apr. 4, 1915	-----
38-Jessie P. Bogue	Apr. 1915	Aug. 1915	-----
39-Ray Stevenson	Oct. 1915	April 1918	-----
40-Clarence Fleraig -or Heraig	April 1918	June 1919	-----
41-Curtis Bayley Geyer	July 1919	Apr. 1920	-----
42-Forest Goodrich	Apr. 1920	Apr. 1921	
43-Paul A. Callender	Apr. 1921	Nov. 1923	

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same date the following chosen Trustees:

G.L. Gardner
N.W. Fisher
G. Howe
N.B. Winslow
G.H. Kingsbury
G.A. Pierce
A.M. Brown
R.H. Duff
Eben Fuller

For Stewards: 1-N.W. Fisher-Recording Steward
2-N.B. Winslow-District Steward
3-H.M. West
4-A.C. Holt
5-G.A. Pierce
6-G.D. Goss
7-G. Howe
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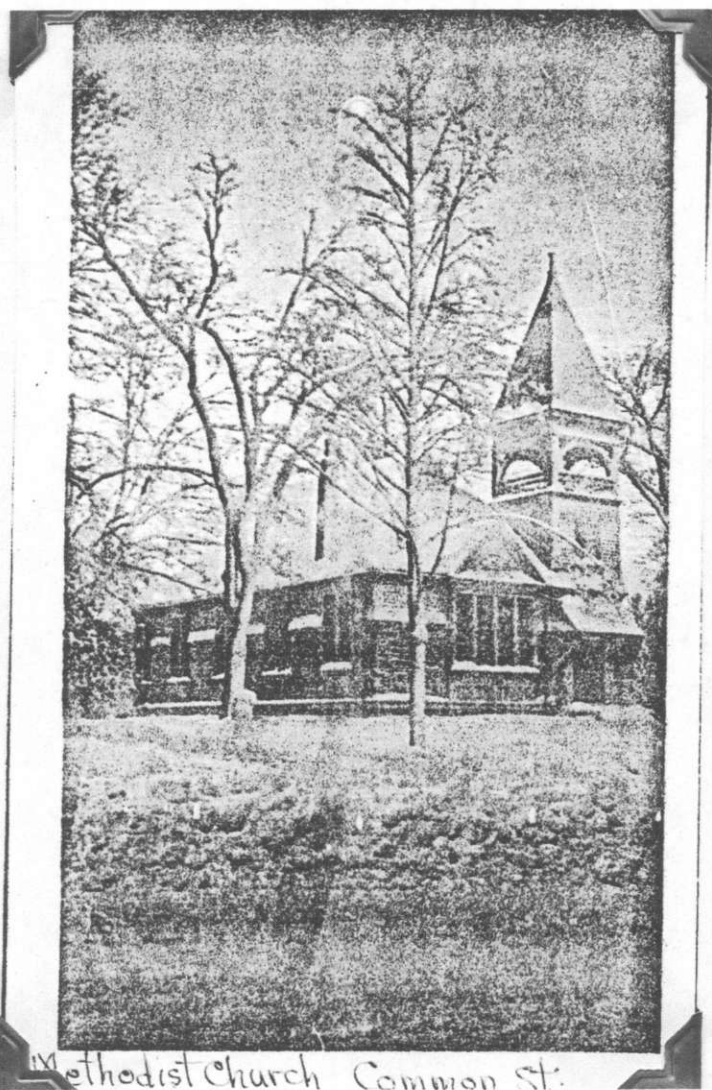
For S.S. Committee: 1-G. Howe
2-A.M. Brown
3-H.M. West
4-Mrs. M.B. Lamson
5-Mrs. N.W. Fisher
6-G.A. Pierce

For Temperance Committee: 1-N.W. Fisher
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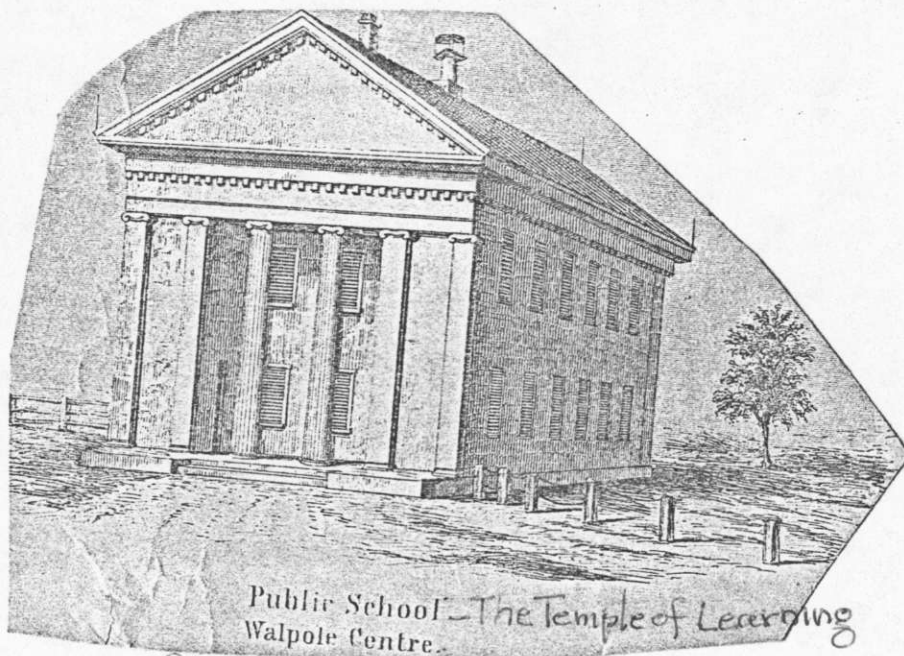
For Tract Committee: 1-Josie Thomas
2-G. Howe
3-Mrs. G. Howe

Committee on Education: 1-Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Gardner
3-Mr. & Mrs. N.W. Fisher
5-Mrs. Lamson
6-Mrs. E. Fuller
7-Mrs. H.A. Spear

For Church Extension Committee: 1-G.L. Gardner
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Methodist Church Common St.



Public School - The Temple of Learning
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Pastor's report--"There have been seventeen conversions of whom eight have joined on probation, while some will join the Congregational Church. There are now 64 names on the church records, but some of them are out of town and have not yet taken letters. Two have joined by letter this quarter."

May 1, 1883--Pay Bro. Sill \$400.00 salary for the year.

also shows a list of contributors to the church lot, amounting to \$1000.75. p-44/45

Dec. 23, 1883.--"Bro. Howe appointed committee to get the stove repaired. The Presiding Elder () preached to us at 11 A.M. and it being the coldest day of the season he found the stove in its present condition entirely inadequate to perform its mission of warming the Hall." p-47.

June 15, 1884. "Bro. Howe reported for the estimating Committee that we pay our pastor \$7.00 per week while he is with us the whole time, and \$6.00 per week while he is attending school."

Sept. 3, 1884 Second quarterly Conference convened in Methodist Hall
"Bro. Kennedy moved that the Board of Trustees be authorized to make an exchange of lots if they deem it desirable. Voted unanimously Also that the Trustees be authorized to estimate the cost of the proposed Church and decide how much shall be pledged before building is begun." p-51

Dec. 12, 1884. "The treasurer reports that the collections average about \$6.00 a Sunday which meets Pastors salary, and he has received \$24.00 towards the years rent. Voted that a committee of three be chosen as a building Committee, Bros. Fisher, Pierce and Howe. were chosen unanimously." p-52.

Mar. 7, 1885--"Trustees report by N.W. Fisher, Chairman. Real Estate \$1000. Personal \$300. Building Committee report \$1700. pledged for the new Church and the contract for building the same has been awarded to Melzar W. Allen for \$2320. which does not include the brick or plastering." p-53

-a collection to aid the new church in ~~Walpole~~ Natick. p-53
also Treasurer's report by Br. Fisher \$69.00 due for rent and care of Hall. p-53

Methodist Episcopal church of Walpole incorporated--April 3, 1885 at Walpole Town Hall. p-57.

Notes on the Methodist Church of Walpole, fr. their record book

Committee on Church Records--1-Geo.L.Gardner

Committee on Parsonage Property: 1-G.Howe
2-Mrs. Fuller
3-Mamie Hutchinson
4-Mrs. H.A.Spear

Committee on Church Music:-N.B.Winslow
2-Geo. L. Gardner
3-N.W.Fisher

Estimating Committee:-1-G.Howe
2-G.L.Gardner
3-H.M.West

Bro. A.A.Kidder made the following Pastor's Report--

There have been 17 conversions of whom 8 have joined on probation while some will join the Congregational church. There are now 64 names on the church records, but some of them are out of town and have not yet taken letters. Two have joined by letter this quarter."

May 1, 1883--The first Quarterly Conference of the year convened at Methodist Hall. (p-44) Dr. W.F.Mallalien in the Chair. N.W.Fisher chosen Secretary. The election of Bro. Pierce as S.S. Superintendent confirmed.

Bro. Fill? reports a growing religious interest--meetings well attended/ Bro. West reports for the Estimating Committee that we pay Bro. ~~Fill~~ Sill (the minister) a salary of \$400 for the year.

Bro. Fisher made his financial report, also put in for record the following list with the sums paid by each for the purchase of the Briggs lot on which to build Chapel.

Ladies Sewing Circle	\$120.00	J.A.White	5.00
Nathan W.Fisher	125.00	Mrs. Herbert	5.00
Jacob Sleeper	100.00	Eben Fuller	5.00
Francis W. Bird	100.00	J.M.Winslow	5.00
Mrs. M.B.Lamson	50.00	J.M.Robbins	5.00
Mrs. A. Hutchinson	25.00	Mrs. Horace Spear	5.00
F.O.Winslow	25.00	Bennett Pilley	5.00
Milton A. Kent	25.00	Lyman Smith	5.00
F.B.Wentworth	25.00	Mrs. Worthington	3.00
Thomas Sheridan	25.00	Gideon Howe & wife	2.00
Collected by Mrs.Lamson	176.75	From 13 others	14.00
with Int.			\$1000.75
Stephen Pember	30.00	pd.for recording deed	.75
N.B.Winslow	20.00		\$1000.00
Mamie Hutchinson	15.00		
Lizzie M.Page	10.00	Adjourned N.W.Fisher, Sec.	
Mark Alden	10.00		
Geo.A.Pierce	10.00		
Mrs.Mary Nightingale	10.00		
Dea. S.E.Guild	10.00		
Geo. S. Winslow	10.00		
A.C.Holt	5.00		
C.G.Fogg	5.00		
J.R.Morse	5.00		
Catherine B.Fisher	5.00		

Walpole Methodist Church notes.

April 3, 1885 cont'd. "It was voted, That we as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Walpole purchase from the town of Walpole for one dollar and other valuable considerations the Center School House Lot. It was also voted--"That we as Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Ch. of Walpole sell to the Town of Walpole for one dollar and other valuable considerations the lot of land bought by us of Horace Briggs and others, on Main St. adjoining the Town Hall in said Walpole.

June 20, 1885. "A meeting of the Trustees was held this day at the Town Hall. Present, Nathan W. Fisher, Gideon Howe, George Pierce and A.N. Kimball. It was voted --That the sale heretofore agreed upon and to be made to the Town of Walpole by the Trustees of the Methodist Episcopal Church in Walpole of that lot of land in Walpole purchased by them from Mary A. Briggs and Horace C. Briggs said lot being on Main Street and adjoining the Town Hall lot be hereby ratified and confirmed and the secretary of this corporation is hereby authorized to execute and deliver in behalf of the corporation and in its name any and all conveyance of said property requested by the said town." pp59/60

June 25, 1885--first quarterly conference.--"Sunday School Superintendent reported average attendance about fifty, and that the membership was not quite as large as when in the old Hall." p-60

"It was voted to order the trustees of said church to wit--Nathan W. Fisher, Gideon Howe, George A. Pierce, Alexander M. Brown, Alton H. Kimball, George H. Kingsbury and Robert H. Duff to sell & convey to the Inhabitants of the town of Walpole, the lot of land purchased by the trustees of said church of Horace C. Briggs & wife Mary V. Briggs by deed dated Nov. 20, 1882 recorded with Norfolk Deeds Lib. 544 Fol. 44, the consideration to be one dollar as expressed in the deed to be executed by said trustees and said Trustees are to take from said Inhabitants a deed of the lot of land described in the deed from E.D. Clapp and others to the Center School District in said Walpole dated May 29th, 1850, recorded as aforesaid Lib. 195 fol. 13 and the consideration of the said deed from said inhabitants to be expressed as one dollar and said Trustees are hereby directed and empowered to execute and deliver a quit claim deed to said Inhabitants of said lot to be conveyed by them as aforesaid. All present voting in the affirmative.

"The Building Committee reported--That in order to complete the church more money must be had and an motion it was voted that the Trustees be and are hereby authorized to raise money by mortgage on the property of the church for the purpose of finishing the Church Building, said mortgage not to exceed the amount of Two Thousand Dollars. (\$2000)

"At a meeting of the Trustees held at the home of Brother Howe it was voted that the building committee be and hereby are directed to procure plans and specifications for plastering and finishing the Church ready for use to secure proposals and to make contracts necessary to complete the church. p-62-61

Nov. 3, 1885. "At the meeting of the Trustees held this evening Mr. Howe reported as to Heating of church. Brother Howe and Fisher were appointed a committee to procure furnace and necessary fixtures and have same plans in church ready for use. p-63

Historic Notes on Methodist Ch.-Walpole

Walpole June 25, 1885-The first Quarterly Conference of the Walpole Methodist Church-Episcopal Church, for the year convened at the Public Library Rooms in the Town Hall, this day. -----

The Treasurer had no formal report to make but simply stated that the Pastor had been paid about one hundred and Twenty Dollars. Average collections were about \$4.50 per Sunday which was not enough to cover expenses. It was voted to order the trustees of said Church to wit--Nathan W. Fisher, Gideon Howe, George A. Pierce, Alexander M. Brown, Alton H. Kimball, George H. Kingsbury and Robert H. Duff to sell and convey to the Inhabitants of the town of Walpole the lot of land purchased by the trustees of said Church of Horace C. Briggs & wife Mary V. Briggs by deed dated Nov. 20, 1882, recorded with Norfolk Deeds Lib. 544 fol. 44 the consideration to be one dollar as expressed in the deed to be executed by said trustees and said Trustees are to take from said Inhabitants a deed of the lot of land described in the deed from E. D. Clapp and others to the Center School District in said Walpole dated May 29, 1850 recorded as aforesaid Lib. 195 fol. 13 and the consideration of the said deed from said inhabitants to be expressed as one dollar and said Trustees are hereby directed and empowered to execute and deliver a quit-claim deed to said Inhabitants of said lot to be conveyed by them as aforesaid. All present voting in the affirmative . p-61. of their records.

Walpole Methodist Church Notes.

March 12, 1886.--"Trustee's report by N.W.Fisher. Amount expended on Church and lot \$5320.00 We borrowed \$2000. at 5 per cent and out \$94. \$92.40 painters bill \$60.00 borrowed of Mrs.Brown and----- space left blank) lumber for vestry." p-64.

Aug.29, 1886. Lester Lamson and Bro.Kimball were made a committee to express suitable(thanks?) to Bro.Fisher for securing for the church a generous gift of \$1000. from Addison Page.--in my own wording p-68

June 20, 1888.--"A large and powerful new Cabinet organ has been put into the church since last Quarterly Conference, contributing to the music of our services. This organ has become the property of the church, but the Y.P.C. League has assumed the responsibility of paying for it." minister's report--p-74.

Dec.29, 1888 "The school (Sunday School) gave \$10.00 towards our new seats for the church." p-76

"Death has interred our number for the first time this year, taking from our midst one of our oldest and most valued members, Bro. Nathaniel B. Winslow. He was one of the founders of the Walpole Methodist Church, into this church he builded much of his life. So significant and so apparent was this fact that one of the Citizens of the town remarked to me a few days after our brothers death, that the Methodist Church of Walpole is Brother Winslow's monument. Bro.W-- was born in East Strong, Me., Apr.21, 1817 and died in Walpole Sept. 26th, 1888, having spent all of this time, save the first 16 years, as a Christian, he was a man of rare piety, good judgment and conciliatory spirit, and was Class-Leader during the entire? existence of this Church.....This quarter has been marked by two important events, one the payment of our debt, amounting to \$275. and the placing of 147 new seats into the church." p-78

March 13, 1889 "The Sunday School has paid \$20. for a fine book-case. Church membership increased from 49 to 70. p-80

"Discussion in regard to Pastoral supply; earnestly in favor of retaining Br. Dorchester but the great obstacle seems to be that we have no personage or furniture all of which Bro. D---- is liable to need in the near future." Bro.Wignall, pastor p-85

March 27, 1890 4th Quarterly ~~X~~ Conference.

"Bro.Wignall read the following Pastor's report which was approved:

"I am at a disadvantage in presenting my report as I have not been able to see the preacher who supplied my place during mu absence in England. I was called away from my charge last Nov. by news of the feeble condition of my parents whom I had not seen for over 20 years. On the second Sunday in the above month I presented the matter to the Board of Stewards and they kindly consented for me to go." p-89
.....Financial conditions will necessitate my removal from this charge at the ensuing conference. W.Wignall, Pastor. p-90

May 4, 1891 Official Board meeting in the class-room, Br.Honey in the Chair. M.F.Blaissdell chosen secretary. Voted that the Musical Comm. be instructed to see our organist and offer her \$25. for her services for the ensuing year. " p-96

Walpole Methodist Church notes.

March 25, 1892--The Treasurer's report for 1891 shows in part bills paid for K. oil, wood, wood cutting, coal from David Fisher, wood from N.W. Fisher, chimneys and wicks for the oil lamps (no electricity in the church at that time) and G.S. Pierce for Sexton's work. also burners for the lamps. Money was received from F.W. Fl Fowler for rent church to Apr. 1 25.00, to July 1 25.00 to Oct. 1 25.00 and to Jan. 1 25.00 --\$100.00 what was Mr. Fowler using the church for?? p-105/4

May 4, 1892 Bro. Hartshorn resigned his position as janitor. p-107

Feb. 7, 1893--Improvements--a new carpet, new lights, draperies, 50-Psalm books, improvements on the grounds, etc. p-116
This was a supply church, meaning the minister's time was divided between church and school--he was a "supply minister".
There was a Temperance group in this church for many years past.

Mar. 7, 1893 "Voted to invite Bro. Haskell to return to supply the pulpit another year--Bro. Haskell declined offering to use his influence to help in securing a pastor. Bill reported as paid or provided for except the old debt on the seats and pastor's salary." p-119

Apr. 24, or 28, 1893 "Bro. Brown, Pierce, Thomas committee on making a kitchen" p-120

May 17, 1893 "Estimating Com. report \$500 for Pastor's salary." p-121

Jan. 20, 1895 "One Love feast and Holy Communion has been administered once. Jan. 20, 1895--the forth quarterly conference. p-127

Sept. 25, 1896 "Brother Turner resigned as Pastor--2nd Quarterly Conf. p-132

Dec. 27, 1896--"Conducted 8 services at the Truant School"--3rd Quarterly Conference report. p-133

March 19, 1897--4th Quarterly Conference report.

"Pastor's report read and accepted in which he tendered his resignation as Pastor of this Church, to take effect at once." p-134

Walpole--1898 no month listed--First Quarterly Conf. report--mentions an electric light bill. p-138

Aug. 3, 1900 "Report of estimating committee by chairman of com. (N.W. Fisher) to pay Pastor \$10.00 per week accepted. 1st. Quarterly C. p-146

Nov. 13, 1901 3rd Quarterly Con. "Motion was made that Bro. Rev. Cecil R. Sherman be relieved of his obligation as pastor, which we extend to Mr. & Mrs. Sherman our sincere sympathy." p-155

Oct. 5, 1902--2nd quarterly conf. "A boy's Club has been organized by the pastor who meets with them one afternoon each week." p-159

Under the head of literary work, a Bible study class has been organized to take up Studies in the life of Christ." p-161

Walpole Methodist Church notes.

March 15, 1903--4th Quarterly Conf. report--"services have been held at the Truant School on Sabbath afternoons." p-168
Freedmen's Aid, and Southern Education has been frequently mentioned in the past. also on p-171.

July 5, 1903--1st Q-C.report--"Report of Estimating Committee. The Committee reported that \$8.00 per week was what they thought could be paid the pastor the coming year." p-176

Apr. 3, 1904 4th Q-C.report--Ladies Aid bought a new carpet for the church paying \$149.00 for it. \$4.95 was received for the old carpet. also-- n p-183
"Unanimous vote that Bro.Charlton be requested to return for another year." p-183

Pastor addressed the boys at the Truant School 46 times that year p-188
1904?

July 3, 1904--1st Q-C.report--"Report of Estimating Comm. by Bro. Fisher to pay Pastor \$9.00 a Sunday surely and \$10. if possible-adopted". p-192

2nd & 3rd Q-C. Jan. 1, 1905 "A fund has been started to go for the support of one heathen girl for one year." p-194
"During the quarter the Church was painted the money raised by the Pastor." and in the Treasurer's report he says "Pastor raised 100 outside of church for painting church." The pastor was Rev.J.E.Charlton) p-195-6/7

March 5, 1905 4th Q-C the pastor's report (Rev.J.S.Charlton) "I ask our presiding elder that he move me to some other field of labor". He had been pastor for two years, and had loved his flock and they him. p-199

"Standing vote of appreciation of the services Bro.Eharlton during his stay here." p-202

"A missionary meeting has been held once a month and a special collection at these meetings is going toward the support of a native Bible woman".--p-206

March 1906--143 books in the S.S.library p-214

"The first Sunday of the New Year we united with the Young peoples societies of the Congregational and Unitarian Churches. The meeting held in the Unitarian Church. subject The "Spirit of Brotherhood". The object of the meeting was to promote a feeling of unity between the young people of the town. signed Bessie E.Wheeler, Pres. E.League p-215.
"Motion made & seconded that the Pastor's Salary be estimated at 416.00 for the year, motion carried."

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Early Ministers of the Methodist-Episcopal Church
of Walpole, Mass. 1875-

	Appointed	Removed	
1-John H. Vincent	about June 1, 1875	April 2, 1876	Student
2-Harvey A. Webster	April 16, 1876	March 1877	under the Elder
3-Ebenezer Comstock	April 22, 1877	March 31, 1878	Student
4-Eli C. Farwell	April 28, 1878	March 30, 1879	Student
5-Fred O. Holman	June 8, 1879	April 11, 1881	Student
6-S. J. Fleming	April 11, 1881	July 12, 1881	resigned acct. ill health
A. A. Kidder	Sept. 1, 1882	Apr. 1883	under the Elder
8-M. D. Sill	April 1883	April 1884	Student
J. P. Kennedy	April 13, 1884	April 14, 1885	Student
10-J. C. Smith	April 1885	April 1886	-----
11-F. M. Haight	April 25, 1886	-----	Student
12-F. M. Haight	April 14, 1887	April 1888	Student
13-L. H. Dorchester	April 10, 1888	April 1889	Student
14-Wm. Wignall	April 1889	April 1890	Supply
15-Geo. E. Honey	April 1890	April 1892	Student
16-Rev. Newton and W. C. Haskel	Apr. & Sept. 1893		Students
18-Harvey A. Jones	Oct. 7, (17) 1893	1894	Student
19-G. H. Myers	Oct. 1, 1894	March 16, 1896	Student, member N. Ind. Conf.
20-H. G. Turner	March 16, 1896	Sept. 25, 1896	joined a Kentucky Conference
21-C. S. Hughes	Supplied place of Mr. Turner during his absence		
22-A. L. Brokaw	Sept. 27, 1896	March 19, 1897	Student-from Ohio
23-B. P. Boultenhouse	April 12, 1897	Dec. 26, 1897	Student at B. U.
24-F. R. Griffiths	Jan. 2, 1898	April 9, 1899	Student at B. U.
25-A. K. Byrns	April 1899	April 1901	Student at B. U. S. T.
26-C. R. Sherman	April 1901	Oct. 1901	resigned because of influenza rheumatism
27-E. C. Dixon	Nov. 1901	Feb. 1, 1902	Student B. U. S. T.
28-Will S. Mitchell	Feb. 1, 1902	Apr. 1, 1903	Student B. U. ST.

29-J. Edward Charlton	Apr. 1, 1903	Apr. 1, 1905	Student B.U.
30-Millard L. Robinson	Apr. 1, 1905	Apr. 6, 1906	Student B.U.
31-Willard S. Kilmer	Apr. 1906	Apr. 1907	-----
32-John A. Bowler	Apr. 1907	Apr. 1908	-----
33-Frank A. E. Verett	Apr. 14, 1908	Apr. 1910	-----
34-Luther Markin	Apr. 1910	Apr. 1911???	
35-John G. Grace	Apr. 16, 1911	May 1911	-left in 2 months.
36-Richard E. Scully	Sept. 10, 1911	May 11, 1913	-----
37-J. Stanley Phillips	May 11, 1913	Apr. 4, 1915	-----
38-Jessie P. Bogue	Apr. 1915	Aug. 1915	-----
39-Ray Stevenson	Oct. 1915	April 1918	-----
40-Clarence Fleraig -or Heraig	April 1918	June 1919	-----
41-Curtis Bayley Geyer	July 1919	Apr. 1920	-----
42-Forest Goodrich	Apr. 1920	Apr. 1921	
43-Paul A. Callender	Apr. 1921	Nov. 1923	

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Notes from the Record Books of the Methodist Church, Walpole, Mass.

Brother Daniel Goss was Sunday School Superintendent in 1882.

March 6, 1883--N.W. Fisher chosen Secretary.

same date the following chosen Trustees:

G.L. Gardner
N.W. Fisher
G. Howe
N.B. Winslow
G.H. Kingsbury
G.A. Pierce
A.M. Brown
R.H. Duff
Eben Fuller

For Stewards: 1-N.W. Fisher-Recording Steward

2-N.B. Winslow-District Steward

3-H.M. West

4-A.C. Holt

5-G.A. Pierce

6-G.D. Goss

7-G. Howe

8-G.L. Gardner

9-Fred Thomas

Stewards act as
committee on Missions.

For S.S. Committee: 1-G. Howe

2-A.M. Brown

3-H.M. West

4-Mrs. M.B. Lamson

5-Mrs. N.W. Fisher

6-G.A. Pierce

For Temperance Committee: 1-N.W. Fisher

2-G.L. Gardner

3-G. Howe

4-G.A. Pierce

5-G.D. Goss

6-A.N. Brown

For Tract Committee: 1-Josie Thomas

2-G. Howe

3-Mrs. G. Howe

Committee on Education: 1-Mr. & Mrs. G.L. Gardner

3-Mr. & Mrs. N.W. Fisher

5-Mrs. Lamson

6-Mrs. E. Fuller

7-Mrs. H.A. Spear

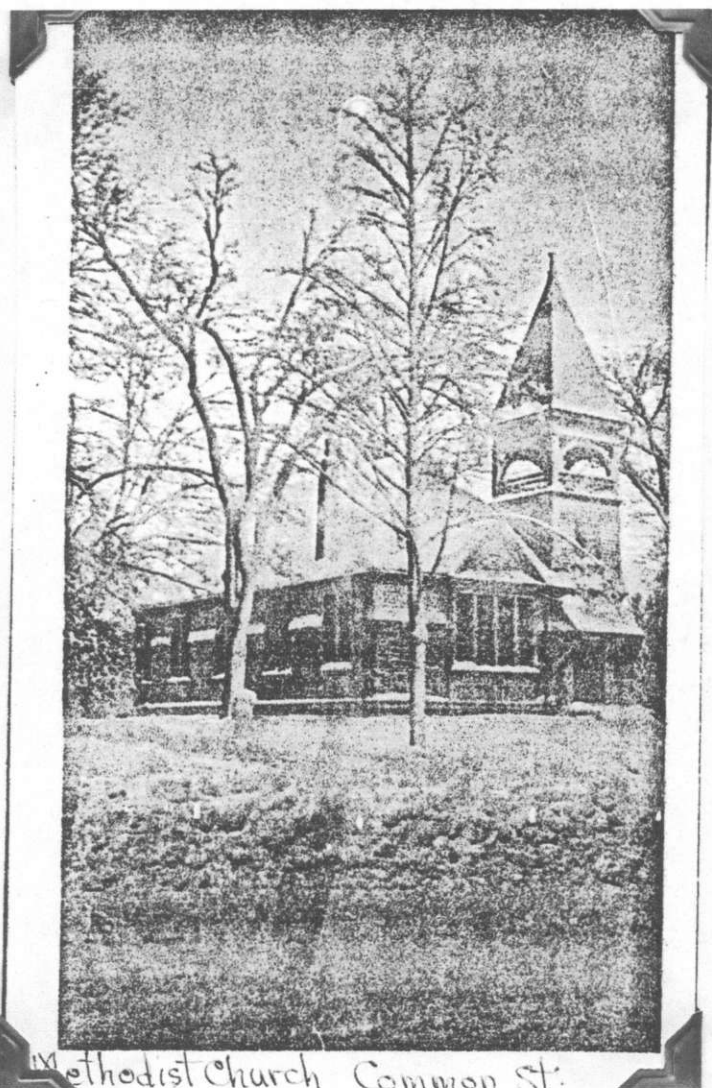
For Church Extension Committee: 1-G.L. Gardner

2-N.W. Fisher

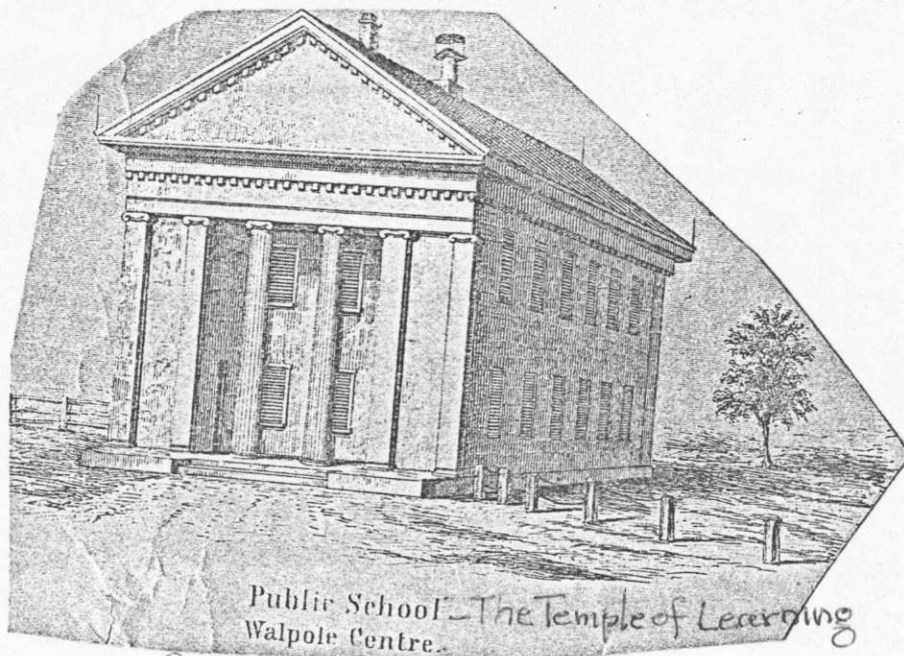
3-Gideon Howe

4-N.B. Winslow

5-Geo. H. Kingsbury



Methodist Church Common St.



Public School - The Temple of Learning
Walpole Centre.
Common St - Now site of
United Parsonage



D.E. Metcalf's Store
Walpole Centre.
stood where Norfolk County Trust
now stands